

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: GROT, et al.)
Serial No. 10/691,760) Group Art Unit: 2613
Filed: October 23, 2003) Examiner: WANG, Quan
For: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION)
NETWORK)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is a Response to the final Office Action mailed October 19, 2007, and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In view of continued examination, please amend the application as indicated below and consider the remarks that follow.

This Response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Therefore, no extension of time is believed to be required. If, however, any additional fee is due, please debit Deposit Account Number 50-3718.

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